

WASHINGTON.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Prospects in connection with the Organization of the Senate—Allison and the Cabinet—Secretary Matthews' Case—Russian Gratitude for American Sympathy.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—It is stated on the authority of a party who was familiar with the formation of the Cabinet, that Senator Allison desired to accept the Secretaryship of the Treasury, but his appointment was opposed bitterly by the monometallics. Allison's championship of the silver bill two years ago was urged against him. Secretary Sherman did not like the appointment because of Allison's silver ideas. Allison feared that if he went into the Treasury a strong influence might be combined to force him at some time to take a stand in opposition to silver. He also believes in silver money, and apprehending a pressure of this kind he declined.

CHANCE OF SENATE OFFICERS.
The Republicans will nominate Gorham for Secretary of the Senate, and Manlius for Virginia, a readjuster and a friend of Mahons, for Sergeant-at-Arms. A number of Democratic Senators declared their purpose in caucus yesterday to fight against a change of officers of the Senate. This proposition was antagonized by Bayard, of New York, and others, who insisted that the best policy was to submit quietly to entire Republican control. Hull and Brown of Georgia, Vest, Jones and others insisted that the Democratic Senators must not submit to everything the Republicans might do. They would discourage the Democratic party. They said they would let the committee go through, but avowed their purpose to filibuster against a change of officers. Davis, of Illinois, who was requested to lead the fight, refused, and said he would vote. Bayard and a number of other Democrats declared they will not filibuster, but it looks now as if a majority of the Democratic Senators may. Without united action, the fight cannot be made effective.

OPPOSITION TO STANLEY MATTHEWS.
Chief Justice Colton, of the Illinois Supreme Bench, is here urging the Senate to reject Stanley Matthews, on the ground that he is not a resident of the circuit, and the people of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana do not want an outsider put over them again as United States Judge. If Matthews' rejection can be secured either by the Senate or by the House, it will be urged for the nomination.

INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
The Republican Senators have decided to increase the membership of the Senate Finance Committee from nine to eleven, and will add Platt, of New York, to the Republican list of names already selected. The Democrats, who were again in caucus this afternoon, are understood to have named Harris as the fifth representative. The complete membership will then stand: Morrill, Chairman; Sherman, Ferry, Jones, of Nevada, Platt, of New York, Bayard, Voorhees, Decker, McPherson and Harris.

SENATOR EDMUNDS LLL.
Senator Edmunds left Washington last night for a visit to Florida, and Senator Vance paired with him for the remainder of the session. Judge Edmunds has been, for some time, troubled with a bad cold, and now seeks a warmer climate in order to avoid the threatened danger. It is developing into bronchitis, a possible settling on the lungs. The Senator has been similarly afflicted several previous winters.

THE FOUR PER CENTS.
Mr. Jesse Seligman and Mr. James Stewart, President of the United States Trust Company, now here, had an interview with Secretary Windom this morning, in relation to the probable sale by the government of the \$100,000,000 four per cent bonds for refunding purposes. The Secretary stated that it has not yet been determined to sell such bonds, and as a consequence he was not now prepared to enter into negotiations looking to that end. It is considered probable that the negotiation will be held in regard to the disposition of the bonds referred to until the question of whether there is to be an extra session of Congress has been finally decided.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE.
A delegation representing the Government employees in the different navy yards, visited the Navy Department for the purpose of requesting the Secretary to enforce the eight-hour law. The delegation asked their case very forcibly, reading the provisions of General Grant, declaring eight hours a legal day's work. Secretary Hunt in reply said he could not decide so important a question suddenly. He would refer the case to the War Department, and would execute the law and must execute the law faithfully. He would endeavor to do what was said, and give the subject due consideration. The same delegation called on the President, but he could not see them today and will give them an audience to-morrow morning.

CHAMBERS OF THE MINORITY COMMITTEES.
The Democratic Senators at the adjourned caucus this afternoon completed the assignments for representation on the Senate Committees and distributed the minority Committee assignments. The following have been assigned to the majority committees: Private Land Claims, Bayard, Revolutionary Claims, Johnson, Enrolled Bills, Sutherland, Nicaragua Claims, Davis, (W. Va.), Epidemic Disease, Harris. The minority committees on Library Accommodations, Voorhees.

ORATORY OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.
The Secretary of State received from General Foster, United States Minister to St. Petersburg, the following:
Blaine, Secretary, Washington:
The Minister for Foreign Affairs says the Emperor was profoundly touched by the expressions of sympathy of the President and Senate of a country for which the deceased Emperor professed sincere esteem and earnest friendship. It is a legacy which he leaves to Emperor Alexander III, which His Majesty in accord with the Russian nation accepts from the heart of his heart.
(Signed) FOSTER, MINISTER.

LET FATHER CHANGES YET MADE.
In a life of the great trust of officers, and a diary about the changes that were to be made, the Administration is now nearly two weeks old and not a single change has been made in any of the departments of the Government. President John yesterday appointed his Private Secretary, but with this exception, and those of the Cabinet positions, everything remains as it did under Mr. Hayes. The feeling is also growing

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TROUBLOUS TIMES.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC.

The New Year's Danger and the Old One's Death—Attempt to Dispose of the Lord Mayor of London in a Similar Manner—Ireland's Unhappy Anniversary.

BEWARE OF HIS FATHER'S FATE.
The Insuperable Thirst for Blood of the Russian Nobility.
LONDON, March 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a bomb was found in the pocket of the assassin Rousakoff. It was made in a zinc case containing glass tubes, two of which were filled with vitriol and two with barbed wire, india rubber tubes with fulminating mercury and a box holding nitro-glycerine and pyroxylene, the whole weighing six pounds and three quarters.

Gen. Melnikoff has sent warnings to the *Golos* and the *Strana* for their articles in reference to the accession of Alexander III. The excavation of the mine discovered near the residence of the new Emperor was continued to-day. A gallery led from the small shop, before mentioned, to the middle of the street, and there are telegraph wires along the gallery. Elements for the electric battery were found in the shop. The mine was flooded and removed. The shop was taken in January last by a peasant named Baronev, and a man and his wife named Rousakoff, who had disappeared, suspicion against them was aroused by the neighbors seeing Rousakoff's wife smoking cigarettes, a custom unusual with the peasant class.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The revolutionary proclamation discovered at Rousakoff's domicile, declares that the Nobility will continue their work, and warns the new Emperor to beware of his father's fate. Michaeloff is the name of the young man arrested on the 15th, at the house where Rousakoff obtained the bomb. He is a peasant from Province Smolensk. Papers found in his possession mention that Catherine Canal and Little Garden street in the neighborhood of the scene of the Emperor's assassination.

The *Agence Reuss* says that a circular from the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the various Russian embassies and legations will be published to-morrow containing the political programme of the new reign. The Emperor and Empress have taken up their residence in the Winter Palace. A correspondent says it is a fact that the Emperor has actually been taken, with the sanction of the late Czar, toward toward a republican government.

The *Journal de St. Petersburg* says: When admiration for the character of the late Czar is evinced everywhere abroad for the august victim are arriving from all parts of the world, which constitute evidence of confidence in the future and of a universal desire to see the excellent relations which the late Czar knew how to create with all foreign powers maintained, consolidated and developed. We know this confidence will not be misplaced and Russia will not delay making known the intentions of Alexander III in this respect in terms as worthy of the great Empire as the memory of him whose sole care was for the prosperity, honor and dignity of Russia.

PARIS, March 17.—Picards congratulating the Nobility on the assassination of the Czar have been posted here, and one arrest was made.

BROKE OUT IN A NEW PLACE.
An Attempt to Blow Up the Residence of London's Lord Mayor.
LONDON, March 17.—At midnight the policeman on duty at the Mansion House observed a fire on the ground near the wall of the Lord Mayor's official residence, and found a wooden box with a fuse connected, to which some lighted paper had been recently applied. The officer extinguished the fire and took the box to the police station, where it was found to contain about forty pounds of gun powder with a fuse in the midst of it. No one was hurt, but the explosion was heard in the neighborhood. The Lord Mayor says the explosion was the work of some person who had been in the house, but it would have damaged Egyptian Hall and the adjacent private houses, and caused a serious loss of life. He himself, he said, was not at home at the time. One account says an Irish newspaper was found amongst the packages of powder.

The discovery created a sensation. The Lord Mayor expressed the opinion that it was placed there by Fenians as part of an incomplete arrangement to blow up the Mansion House. The belief is generally expressed that Fenians placed the bomb for the purpose of blowing up the Mansion House on account of the part taken by the Lord Mayor in favor of the coercion bill in his capacity as a member of Parliament.

The Standard says two American newspapers were taken from the powder box discovered near the Mansion House. The corporation of London has offered £1,000 reward for the discovery of the perpetrator. An additional force has been stationed at the Mansion House, and England and other important buildings.

Great precautions have been taken for the safety of the House of Parliament since the discovery of the plot to blow up the Mansion House. The House of Commons and the House of Lords are now under the most perfect protection, and the buildings have been reinforced and the cellars examined.

Socialists Repudiate New Year.
DUBLIN, March 17.—The Socialist labor party, who have some great central organization in this city, published a statement to-day repudiating all connection and sympathy with Julius Schwab, of New York, and his ravings about the assassination of Vanderbilt, Jay Gould and others. They denounce his utterances as idiotic and tending to defeat all the aims of their party towards ameliorating the condition of the workingman.

Little Hope of a Peaceful Adjustment.
CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17.—But little confidence is felt here in the ultimate success of the Greek frontier negotiations. The Porte is accelerating the equipment of the reserve, and dispatching steamers to various points for their transportation. The French and Italian Ambassadors are not in accord with M. Goeben, the British Ambassador, and M. von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador, regarding the mode of procedure.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Reverend Gentleman Having a Hand How to Move.

New York, March 17.—Since the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, pastor of the Lee Avenue Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, has become a Congressman, and the constant companion of politicians, all has not been smooth in his church. There are many members who believe that he cannot properly attend to his pastoral duties and serve as a Congressman at the same time, but their opposition was not openly manifested until Mr. Smith recently preached a sermon which raised the question in his church whether upon becoming a politician he had not ceased to be orthodox. Some of the sentiments of his sermon sounded very much like Universalism, and it raised a breeze in the church. A meeting was called at which the pastor might freely express his views for the approval or disapproval of the congregation. The meeting was held in secret. Mr. Smith freely expressed his views, in which he took pains to dispel the adverse impression caused by his saying:

"I can no longer reconcile myself to a belief that God sent His Son as a sacrifice for the race, and made a failure. I believe that ultimately every soul will be saved."

Mr. Smith said that he had spoken upon an impulse, but he did not accept the doctrine of eternal damnation. Although it was not for him to say, he believed that some time after an soul has passed from earth it would be saved. God would not destroy it. He believed that punishment must follow sin, not on earth, as Universalists thought, but in the future state, and that a crown also awaited the just, as he did not think that virtue was its own reward.

As to his position as a Congressman, he said that there was no danger of his being kept away for any serious length of time from his people. He did not think there was any prospect of an extra session of Congress. If he had done anything to offend any members of the church he humbly asked their pardon, and he said that he freely forgave all those who had done so.

AGITATED ERIN.
How they Celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Home—Archbishop McCabe's "Monstrous Imputations."
DUBLIN, March 17.—A writ for non-payment of rent was served on Furry, a prisoner in the Kilmaham Jail. The telegram reporting an outbreak in Clifton district, is unfounded.

A. M. Sullivan has written a letter in answer to the Lenten pastoral of Archbishop McCabe, of Dublin. He repudiates the imputation that the ladies have put aside modesty, and accuse the Archbishop of insulting some of the most exemplary devotees of the Lenten season.

Archbishop O'Connell, has written to A. M. Sullivan congratulating him on his reply to the Lenten pastoral of Archbishop McCabe. Archbishop O'Connell says that he unreservedly repudiates the sentiments against Archbishop McCabe's monstrous imputations.

The *Freeman's Journal* says that the subject which the Roman Catholic Prelates at an increasing number of meetings from Rome for the appointment of a Nuncio to the Court of St. James, and adds that it will be with a feeling of the most intense satisfaction that the Irish people will be able to see the prelates unanimously repudiating the monstrous imputations which the late Czar knew how to create with all foreign powers maintained, consolidated and developed.

The Ladies' Land League sent a quantity of furniture, clothing, a number of games and a supply of shamrock to the prisoners in Kilmaham jail yesterday. There was a disturbance among the Irish soldiers in camp at Aldershot, to-day. Many arrests were made.

A Speck of War in Asia.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Late advice from Japan state that the relations between that country and China are strained, the latter retreating for Japan coming in the Formosa and Loochoo affairs when China was in a difficulty. It is believed in Yokohama that China and Russia made the secret of the treaty directly concerning Japan. The second Tongtreaty also in its secret agreement or compact relation to the country's terms of settlement with Russia was given out with much ostentation, but well informed persons regard these terms as materially qualified by the secret treaty compact, the terms of which are not, however, known. The attitude of Russia and the large fleet maintained by her in Chinese and Japanese waters are matters of increasing suspicion and anxiety. The hostile bearing of China will tax the resources of Japan to the utmost in defensive preparations.

He ought to Be.
ST. LOUIS, March 17.—The Republican's Port Worth, Tex., special says: Frank Varner, a negro, after choking, beating and gagging Luana Edison, a handmaid and quite accomplished young lady, living two miles from this city, brutally outraged and killed her. The negro was captured by the friends of the lady, captured and locked in jail. He will probably be lynched.

Not Assassination, but Execution.
NEW YORK, March 17.—The following was adopted at the Socialist meeting to-night: That all people have the holy right to protect their liberty by any means, and that the use of force is justified when the subjects under the most noble elements of Russian society and despotism, and when the Government of Alexander, more than any other, was a more and more military brought upon the subjects than under all foreign Czar. Therefore be it

Resolved, That although we condemn assassination as an impudently, nevertheless we consider that under the government of such fearful tyranny as the Russian empire, it is the only means that could be used, and therefore we consider the deed of the Russian people not to be assassination but execution, and we see in this act a terrible lesson to all tyrants.

Fatal Affray in the Runny South.
MONROE, LA., March 17.—A serious difficulty occurred on Bayou Desard, this morning, in which F. L. Lading, son of ex-Chief Justice Lading, instantly killed G. W. Michener, and dangerously wounded F. O. Dingrove. He was slightly wounded in both arms.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE TOWNS AROUND US.

Letter From Belleair—Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor at Fairmont—Cutting Affray at Little Washington—News From Parkersburg.

BELLEAIR.
New Brass Band—Prof. Tice's Lecture—Don't Notice Many Heaters—Peculiarities of the Town.

The St. Cecilia brass band having disbanded, a new band, to be called the Belleair City Band, has been organized from some of the members of that and of Heatherington's bands. George and James Turnbull are the leaders.

The polls at Belleair (township) convention Saturday, the 20th, will be open from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. The candidates to be nominated are for three trustees, one clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, two constables, and one township committee.

Miss Bella Thoburn is back in Belleair again. Prof. Tice was seventy-two years old Thursday, the evening of his lecture here. It was a bad evening for a lecture, but it is believed that the people are not staying at home for a little rain. When a day is set no one knows but what it will rain, and it is to keep nearly everyone at home, no one will risk a lecture here. Some of those who have talked most of the need of lectures here were conspicuous for their absence from Prof. Tice's lecture.

A new grocery is being opened in the former store of G. B. Bolte, at the end of Thirty-eight street. The store was Philip Brally's building room on one of his lots facing Belmont street, for a marble work.

Indian Run has had its course changed by cutting into the dirt, dug by the brick yards last summer. This allows the main works to fill up a larger area. The strangers who get a first sight of our Square and open their eyes with astonishment, do not doubt that it is a disgrace to Belleair. It is to be hoped that the Council Committee will take care of it. If the members of that Committee will look about them they can easily find an expression of opinion in favor of doing something.

Mr. Martie, once a police officer of Belleair, was in town Thursday. If there is such a person as the "Secretary of the A. A. of S. W." in Belleair, he will find a letter from him in the post-office window.

Rev. W. R. Kirkwood, D. D., will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. He is traveling and preaching in the interest of the Woorster University, of which he is the president.

A party was given by Will Stewart, at his home on Gravel Hill, Thursday evening, in honor of D. L. Thoburn, who will shortly leave for school.

Mord Nelson, the C. & P. yard engineer, died last night at his home on Wednesday, in place of engineer John Holland.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.
Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Fairmont—Officers for the ensuing Year.

Correspondence of the Intelligencer.
The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor, of this State, closed its annual session here this evening about 4 o'clock, having been in session two days. Most of the subordinate lodges of the State were represented, and considerable routine business was transacted. One or two important recommendations were also made to the Supreme Lodge, which meets in Indianapolis next May. The session was closed by the singing of the hymn.

P. G. D. Alex. Ewing, Mountaineer, G. D. Geo. W. Field, Martinsburg, G. V. D. G. Gibbons, Parkersburg, G. A. D. W. H. H. Holaway, Huntington.

BRUTAL BUTCHERY.

A Political Dispute terminates in a Bloody Cutting Affray.

PITTSBURGH, March 17.—One of the most brutal cutting affrays that ever occurred in Westmoreland county took place in Greensburg yesterday afternoon, and will probably result in the death of the victim, a young man of good character named James Somers. It appears that Somers got into a dispute with an old man named Joseph Schriest on politics. Somers is a Republican, and resented some slight on his administration. Schriest became excited and rushed upon Somers, but the latter got out of his way